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Editorial.

A great feast of the Christian world is approaching and human hearts grow loving and tender with the thoughts that crowd into them at this season of the year. Christmas represents one of the two great epochs in the life of Christ—His birth and His humility,—and as we gather around His lowly manger we catch a glimpse of that other epoch in His life, His death and His triumphant victory. We cannot but feel our hearts swell with rapture when we realize that we are commemorating in Christmas the beginning of the story of our Redemption. And as we reach out our hands in loving giving and happy and grateful receiving at this festival of the Christian year, we rejoice to see by faith a better day approaching; more loving human hearts, more kindly human hands. Christ in his humanity, dignified all human life. He is the Star of Bethlehem that will lead us to the perfect way of life. The poor, the sick and the sinning are all in his image and they surely need our bounty at this happy season. Let us each and all learn this year to know the truth of the text, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and let us pour out our gifts, our love, our sympathy, and our consideration for our fellow-man in grateful recognition of that one great Gift to mankind.

A GAIN Southern Club women have been favored with a visit from the President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the occasion being the visit of Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, of Denver, Colorado, the new President of the G. F. W. C., to South Carolina and Georgia during the month of November.

By her sincerity of manner and earnestness of purpose Mrs. Decker won for herself a high place in the esteem of these Southern Club women and she has opened up for them wide and broader fields of Club interest and endeavor.

Mrs. Decker is a woman who inspires confidence in her integrity of purpose and one instinctively feels that this confidence will never be disappointed. The General Federation will undoubtedly win for itself many golden laurels under the capable, energetic and enthusiastic leadership of such a high type of American Womanhood.

ARBOR Day was brought to the attention of the public school teachers of South Carolina this year by special instructions from State Superintendent of Education O. B. Martin, and he has had distributed a neat little pamphlet giving suggestions as to suitable readings and recitations for Arbor Day exercises.

It is interesting for Club women to recollect in connection with this subject that last year the Chairman of Forestry of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, Miss Waterhouse, of Beaufort, prepared and had distributed through the Club women just such a pamphlet on the same lines of suggestion.

One poem particularly attractive and suitable for South Carolina in the Federation pamphlet was "The Palmetto Tree," written especially for that pamphlet by Miss Julia Baker, of Beaufort.

We notice with pleasure that Superintendent Martin appreciated this poem to such an extent that he has had it copied into his State pamphlet. The Club women rejoice to see this movement in the right direction for the observance of Arbor Day.

It is to be hoped that we will all now go forward and learn to appreciate more and more the real value and blessing of our forests.

CLUB women generally will be interested to learn that *The Club Woman Magazine* has been sold out and has been consolidated with the *Twentieth Century Home*. This removes from the field of Journalism the official organ of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. As the General Federation appreciates the value and necessity of a properly conducted official organ the Press Committee of the Board of Directors of the G. F. W. C., are busy just now devising ways and means by which the place of the official organ may be properly filled so that authentic General Federation news may reach the individual Club woman. This Press Committee consists of Mrs. May Alden Ward, Massachusetts, Chairman; Mrs. Mary I. Wood, New Hampshire, and Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, South Carolina, and with such experienced Club women as these having the matter in charge there is no fear but that the best interests of the Federation and individual Club women will be considered.

THE year is gradually drawing to its close, the nights lengthen and firelit fancies play about the corridors of our hearts. As we look back over the mysterious changes and chances of our lives during the past year our souls are touched with that sadness and longing which will always entwine completed episodes in human life. As this feeling wraps us in its sombre folds, let us recall to mind the blessed influences of the year, those events which have made us better and stronger men and women for all time by their impress upon our characters. Let the old year take away with it our follies, our sins and our sorrows, but let it leave with us those better influences that are to make us nobler and wiser factors in the building up of the Kingdom of Love.

WHAT SOME OF OUR FRIENDS THINK OF US.

My Dear Miss Poppenheim:—

I liked greatly the account you gave of the Convention (U. D. C. Convention St. Louis Oct. 1904) and would like to have several more copies if you can send them to me. I send stamps for the copies. With kind regards, I am,

Lily McDowell,
President Mississippi Division U. D. C.

Dear Miss Poppenheim:—

I have just received my November Keystone and am much interested in the account of the Convention (U. D. C. St. Louis 1904) I will ask you to send me ten copies for which please find enclosed 60 cents. * * * I am,

(Mrs. D. A. S.) Mary Aiken Vaught,
President New Orleans La. Chapter U. D. C.

My Dear Miss Poppenheim:—

Will you do me the kindness of sending me a copy of your excellent paper The Keystone which contains your report of the Biennial Convention at St. Louis, Mo. It was so good that I desire to use it in my work and my own copy in some way was lost. * * * I am,

Josephine M. Gould,
President Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs.

OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS.

For the State Federations of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina and Florida.

(This Department is official and will be continued monthly.)

South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

Address all communications for South Carolina to the Editor, The Keystone; Charleston, S. C. Manager.

President—Mrs. W. K. Sligh, Newberry, S. C.
 Recording Secretary—Mrs. Julius Visanska, 2 Bull Street, Charleston, S. C.
 Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. C. Moore, Columbia, S. C.
 68 Clubs—2,500 Members.

BEAUFORT. The Clover Club honored the Corresponding Secretary of the General Federation, Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, of Charleston, S. C., by inviting her to come over to Beaufort and speak to them on the subject of Federation.

The Ribault Club rooms were beautifully decorated with palms and roses on the afternoon of November 10th, when Mrs. W. R. Bristol, President of the Clover Club introduced Miss Poppenheim to the members of the Club and their lady friends of Beaufort.

Miss Poppenheim spoke on the subject of Federation as it applied to the State and the General Federation. After this address an informal reception was held. Friday morning the Clover Club gave a beautiful luncheon for fourteen at the home of Mrs. E. Legnick, thus giving their members a chance to meet the General Federation Secretary more intimately. In the afternoon the Club had the use of the government boat, "P innecock," through the courtesy of Capt. Prime, the commandant of the Port Royal Naval station and took their guest of honor and their friends for a delightful trip around Beaufort harbor, stopping at the naval station and Fort Fremont.

During her stay in Beaufort, Miss Poppenheim was the guest of Miss Mary Waterhouse, the State Chairman of Forestry and Civics for the South Carolina Federation.

The Clover Club proved itself an ideal hostess and through a harmonious Club membership and a spirit of hearty co-operation it was able to extend a hospitality which was truly charming to all who were privileged to partake of it

Mississippi Federation of Women's Clubs.

Address all communications for Mississippi to Mrs. Ed C. Coleman, Kosciusko, Manager.

President, Mrs. Robt E. Jones, Crystal Springs.
 Corresponding Secretary—Miss Blanche Alexander, Kosciusko.
 Recording Secretary—Mrs. R. J. Harding, Jackson, Miss.

MRS. SALLY JOHNSTON HARDING, Recording Secretary, Mississippi Federation, is a native of Clinton, Mississippi, and a lineal descendant of Governor Walter Leake and Judge H. G. Johnson, pioneer promoters in the history of Mississippi in its Territorial days.

Mrs. Harding is a first honor graduate of Central Female

Institute, now Hillman College, Clinton, under that gifted educator, Dr. Walter Hillman.

She is a devoted member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and is President of the North Jefferson Street Club.

Mrs. Harding is a potent factor in the charming social life of Jackson, but the work nearest her heart is found in her hospitable Southern home.

She is an active Christian worker, having a large class of boys in the Sabbath school of the First Methodist church.

In 1887 she was united in marriage to Col. R. J. Harding, a gallant Confederate soldier and one of the most prominent and successful business men of this county and State. Two children have blessed this union.

Those who know Mrs. Harding best admire and love her most.

Charles H. Brough,
 Professor Economics, University Arkansas.

MRS. G. S. BEALL, Jr., Treasurer of the Mississippi Federation, the youngest officer of the Federation, the "baby" of the last meeting, is a native of Durant and was educated at Holly Springs, Miss. Her people have long been prominent, both socially and politically, her father's maternal uncle being Gen. A. M. West. She was one of the earliest members of the Woman's Club of Durant, even before her marriage, holding the office of Treasurer of that Club (as Miss Minnie Lockhart). At present she holds a responsible place on the Program Committee.

Club duties and Club pleasures are not allowed to interfere with house-hold duties, as Mrs. Beall is known among her friends as one of the nicest of house-keepers.

THE Eighth Annual Flower Show of the Hazlehurst Floral Club was held on the 10th and 11th of November. The chrysanthemums were large and a fine display was made. The proceeds of the exhibit will be used in adding new books to the public library.

The Woman's Culture Club of Hazlehurst in September began a course of study on Tennyson and other English poets. They send an attractive year book.

The Woman's Club of Durant has held only two meetings since adjournment for the Summer. At the next meeting they begin the study of Shakespeare. The Club decided to admit anyone who wished to take up the study with them and several applications have been received.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Verona, Miss.

Whereas, it has pleased Him who doeth all things best, and for our good to remove our devoted friend and former President, Mrs. Lucy Baker Clark, from the walks of life and transplant her pure

and gentle spirit in a world of rest, peace and eternal happiness, we therefore bow with fitting submission to this seemingly cruel affliction, and comfort our broken hearts in the thought that she "is not dead but still liveth," where all is love and perpetual joy in God's glorious kingdom prepared for such as she who rejoiced in her obedience to His commander, therefore be it

Resolved, 1st. That we, her colleagues and associates of The Twentieth Century Club, deeply deplore the great and irreparable loss to us and feel that her chair in our circle made vacant by her death can never be filled, and that we have tenderly dropped a flower of love and genuine affection on her grave as a token that her memory will never be eliminated from our hearts or recollections, but will live on as an object lesson of truth and loyal Christianity and devotion to duty in all the details of life. We tender our greatest sympathy to the distressed and disconsolate husband and sorrow with the heart broken motherless children and bereaved relatives, pointing them all to our Heavenly Father who can wipe away all bitter tears of grief and let into the windows of our bleeding and crushed hearts the sunlight of His goodness and mercy.

Resolved, 2nd. That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of The Twentieth Century Club, and the usual badge of mourning be worn by each member of the Club for thirty days as a token of our love and esteem for our deceased member and sister. And a copy be furnished her family, also published in The Keystone and Tupelo Journal.

Mrs. Laura M. Taylor,
Mrs. Hattie R. Clark,
Mrs. Turga H. Green,
Committee.

October 22nd, 1904.

The Twenty-Second Annual Convention of the Mississippi Woman's Christian Temperance Union met at Hattiesburg on November 6-7.

North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

Address all communications for North Carolina to Mrs. Hugh Murrill, 14 E. Muirhead Street, Charlotte, N. C.

President—Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, Winston-Salem.
Recording Secretary—Miss Mary Petty, Greensboro.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Claytor Candler, Winston-Salem.
20 Clubs - 650 Members.

It is unlikely that the North Carolina Federation of Clubs will meet before spring. The ladies of Goldsboro, who had arranged a delightful program for the pleasure and edification of the expected visitors, have the sympathy of their Club sisters throughout the State, in a situation which, not only means deprivation of an anticipated pleasure, but in many instances anxiety and sorrow in the home circle. The diphtheria situation was such that the second date appointed for the Convention had to be canceled, and the date is not yet settled.

At the last meeting of the Woman's Club it was decided to move the Traveling Library, now at Belmont, to the reading room of the Charlotte Day Nursery. An appropriation of Ten Dollars was made by the Club toward providing a new library for Belmont.

Mrs. I. W. Faison, of Charlotte, has been elected to serve on the State Board of Charities, the special work of which is securing an Industrial Training School for youthful criminals.

The First Annual meeting of the North Carolina Library Association, which was held in Charlotte, November 11th and 12th, was a pronounced success. There were twenty dele-

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gates and visitors coming from Louisville, Atlanta and different sections of our own State, and these with our local members made an attendance of fifty interested men and women. All sessions were open to the general public, and a large number availed themselves of the privilege of hearing the excellent addresses and discussions.

The following are the subjects on the program of this Convention:

The Necessity for Co-operation Among the Libraries of the South—Miss Wallace, Atlanta, Ga.

The Organization of a Public Library—Mr. A. H. Hopkins, Louisville Library.

The Library—D. A. Tompkins, Charlotte, N. C.

The Library as an Educational Factor—Dr. J. C. Kilgo, Trinity College.

Rural Libraries—Dr. Chas. D. McIver, N. C. State Normal College.

The Public Library and the Public School—Prof. J. A. Berias, Trinity high school.

The College Library—Dr. Eben Alexander, University of North Carolina.

The Library and the Woman's Club—Mrs. Hugh A. Murrill, President Woman's Club, Charlotte, N. C.

The social features were exceedingly pleasant. Friday af-

ternoon at the conclusion of the first session the members of the Association and their guests were given a "break ride" through town and on one of Mecklenburg's fine roads. Reaching the Country Club, the party alighted to partake of the hospitality of the Woman's Club at a 5 o'clock tea. The large reception room, gayly decorated with chrysanthemums and autumn leaves, the table with its dainty appointments of silver, glass, etc., the big log-fire throwing cheerful gleams here and there made a scene over which our guests lingered till dark. Tea, coffee, sandwiches, sweet wafers, bon-bons and nuts were served informally by ladies from the Club, and sweet music added to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The same evening, after adjournment, the speakers and audience were invited to an informal reception in the handsome parlors of the Colonial Club.

On Saturday at 1:30 o'clock the trustees of the Charlotte Carnegie Library tendered the local members and guests of the N. C. L. Association an elaborate course luncheon at the Manufacturers' Club.

This was followed by a "business session," at which the officers who served so well during the past year of 1903-1904, were re-elected for another term.

The State Convention of Young Women's Christian Associations will be held in Charlotte, Dec. 13. The local association is busy with preparations for the entertainment and comfort of the visiting delegates. Louise T. Murrill.

The North Carolina Federation meeting, which was to have been held in Goldsboro, November 29, 30-December 1st, has been indefinitely postponed, owing to an epidemic of diphtheria in that City.

E. Clayton Candler,
Corresponding Secretary.

The North Carolina branch of the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons are working for a reformatory for youthful criminals in that state.

Florida Federation of Women's Clubs.

Address all communications for Florida to Miss Cathryn Thorp, Daytona, Manager.

President—Mrs. Lawrence Haynes, Jacksonville.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. M. DeC. Williams, Goodall.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Richard F. Adams, Palatka.
19 Clubs—700 Members.

The Executive Board of the Florida State Federation of Women's Clubs will be held in Jacksonville, December 2nd, Mrs. Lawrence Haynes, President Florida Federation.

SUGGESTIONS FOR A CLUB PROGRAM IN JANUARY.

THE General Federation of Women's Clubs has made an appeal to all Clubs in the United States to set aside the first meeting in January, 1905, for the purpose of finding out "What is meant by Civil Service Reform?"

The South Carolina Federation at its meeting in Newberry, June, 1904, endorsed this suggestion and many Clubs in South Carolina are preparing programs for the special meeting.

The October *Keystone*, under the title "What is Civil Service Reform," published two letters, one from Mrs. Decker and one from Miss Bacon, the highest authorities on this subject in the General Federation. We now add this extract from a personal letter, written by Miss Perkins, of Concord, Mass., formerly of South Carolina, which bears on the subject and which may help Clubs to perfect their programs for the special meeting in January.

"The number of interests we are holding in common, and the number increases as our civilization takes on a finer perspective, demands intelligent understanding and common action.

In connection with the January meeting devoted to a consideration of the Merit System, we are suggesting that the Clubs read papers prepared by their own members. This means more thorough work and more interesting discussion. Mrs. Decker and Miss Bacon are at one in this opinion. A member of our Federation, Mrs. Maynard, 986 State Street, Springfield, Mass., prepared a plan for one meeting, which was used with great success, and she will send it to anyone who wishes to use it.

The strongest emphasis is to be laid upon the point, that the Merit System is a decent, honorable and unpartisan way of securing the services of efficient men and women to carry out the measures of public utility our civilization demands. The new science of sanitation, with its life and health organizing possibilities for cities, towns, institutions and schools, cannot serve its true purpose except at the hands of officials of training and intelligence. As population becomes denser, and our cities increase in size, inspection of all sorts becomes necessary. There will never be an easier moment than now, to install a system of reasonable examination through which we certainly increase our chances of doing all this work, efficiently and honestly. Do not let us say "this is politics and we will not enter this realm," but rather "this is educational, philanthropic, humane, social work and therefore it is ours to do, and to do now."

Extracts from the Third Annual Report of the Women's Auxiliary of the Massachusetts Civil Service Reform Association, 1904.

"It is a great satisfaction to announce that we have at last succeeded in persuading one or more high schools in every single one of the fifty States and Territories of the United States, including the District of Columbia, to use our pamphlets on Civil Service Reform as the basis of a lesson. This work taken in conjunction with that of the Civil Service Committee of the National Federation of Clubs, who eagerly work for parallel ends, really opens out as no mirage, but a definite prospect,—the idea which Miss Foster conceived and initiated two years ago, that every child in the United States shall be grounded in the principles of the Merit System. At present about five hundred high and normal schools and colleges are using the pamphlets written for us by Mr. Edward Cary and Mr. Clinton R. Woodruff, and Professor Salmon's "Syllabus for the Study of the History of Civil Service Reform," has been sent to the teachers to help them in giving these lessons. Thirty-six thousand pamphlets have been sent to the schools during the last year." Miss Perkins, Concord, Mass.

A POINT OF VIEW FOR THE SUBSCRIBER TO AN OFFICIAL ORGAN.

IN the November issue of the *New Hampshire Magazine*, the official organ of the New Hampshire Federation of Women's Clubs, there appears a most interesting article by the business manager, Mrs. Ida S. Bearse. So ably does she put the case of the official organ that we quote from her article as follows:

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"Are you interested? Are you willing to help? The finest publication in the world would fall to the ground without support.

"A prosperous Magazine issued by you, can become a mighty power for good in the whole world. Is not that incentive and reward enough, for you to spend your money with the people, who spend it with you, and who stand willing to please you in every possible manner? Let every woman who reads this see what she can do, to build up this magazine. Patronize your advertisers."

With this clear and business-like statement of the means by which the individual woman may help her official Club or Association organ, we remind the readers of *The Keystone* that Christmas is the buying season of the year and that *The Keystone* carries many advertisements for reliable business firms. We bespeak for them the patronage of the Women's organization which we represent.

General Federation Notes of Women's Clubs.

President—Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker, 1550 Sherman Ave., Denver, Col.
Cor. Sec.—Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, 31 Meeting St., Charleston, S.C.

(Up-to-date notes.)

MRS. SARAH PLATT DECKER, the President of the General Federation, after her visit to the Georgia State Federation meeting, in Augusta, Ga., paid a visit to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Federation, Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, in Charleston, S. C.

Miss Poppenheim gave Mrs. Decker a luncheon on Saturday, November 5th, at her residence, at which time Mrs. Decker was given an opportunity to meet Charleston women, prominent in organizations of Southern women. The patriotic benevolent and charitable associations were represented as well as the Club women. In the afternoon the Charleston City Federation arranged for Mrs. Decker to meet the Charleston Club women at a reception in the St. John Ball Room. Mrs. Decker made a brilliant and inspiring address, and it was regretted by all that every woman in Charleston could not have heard Mrs. Decker, instead of only the members of the City Federation. After the address, refreshments were served and several musical selections rendered, making altogether a memorable occasion in Charleston Club life.

Mrs. Decker was in attendance at the Texas Federation meeting in Houston, Texas, November 15th-18th.

The Saturday Afternoon Club, of Banning, California, and The Woman's Athanacum of Park City, Utah, were recently admitted to the General Federation.

The Rhode Island Federation has instituted a plan which other State Federations might profitably copy. At their recent meeting they invited Mrs. Ed. L. Johnson, (the member of the Board of Directors of the General Federation from Rhode Island) to be present at all of the meetings of the State Executive Board. This courtesy, while complimenting Mrs. Johnson, at the same time brings influence and strength to the Rhode Island Board. A State Board that has a member of the General Federation Board of Directors among its members means much for a State Federation.

Travelling libraries were instituted by the Maine Federation—first by individual clubs and later taken in charge by the State; at present it has 144 libraries of fifty volumes each in constant circulation sent out from the State Capitol. By the appointment of the Governor, two Federation women are upon the State Library Commission.

The Keystone has received a copy of the Check list of Newspaper and Periodical files in the Department of Archives and History of the State of Alabama compiled by Mr. Thos. M. Owen, the Director. This is the third bulletin issued from this department and reflects much credit on the energy and ability of Mr. Owen. Our readers will be interested to learn that Florida is represented by two publications; Mississippi by eleven; North Carolina by seven; South Carolina by fifty; Virginia by fifteen; Texas by four; Georgia by thirty-five, while as would be expected Alabama leads the list with 250 publications. Thus every detail of the present day history of the State is being preserved by a department which is a credit to the forethought of the Commonwealth in behalf of its place in the history of this country.

THE SONG OF THE SOUTH.

(By Flora Ellice Stevens.)

Yea, there are books that are yet to be made,
 And there are tales that are yet to be told,
 For the years of the peoples at our side
 Are as full as the days of old.
 Then let me sing the Song of the South,
 And let who will seek other lays;
 Tho' the harper may stand in the king's own halls,
 And the king's daughter list his lays.
 Let me sing of one land and none beside,
 One with seal and with sacrament,
 (Who hath suffered most, let him glory most)
 And the singer shall cease—content.
 While the stranger shall brothers hail, by this sign,
 By the shield and the cloth they wore,
 As of one blood-strain, by plain or main,
 For the bond of the oath they swore.
 They will listen kind to the song, I reckon;
 And I say it o'er and o'er,
 It is all for the sake of a cause, that is lost,
 And a leader, who rides no more.
 Let this be pledge between thee and me,
 Tho' unknown we are friends and more—
 It is all for the sake of a Cause that is lost,
 And a Leader who rides no more.

The Queen of Sheba.

By A. L. S.

CHAPTER 1.

"For Solomon May Come to Sheba Yet."—*The Princess.*

THE Queen of Sheba sat on a boulder four thousand feet above the sea and dangled her scarred boots below her frayed skirt and gave orders to her perspiring subjects. It is not easy to preserve one's dignity and royalty under such circumstances, but the Queen of Sheba always did. Like royalty she commanded grandly, and unlike royalty she was obeyed through love and not through fear. The Queen of Sheba's throne may not have followed the exact lines of the ancient one of Israelitish origin provided for her by King Solomon, but it was ancient and also comfortable.

Nature, that careful provider, had in the Glacial Period perhaps, wedged a huge granite slab into the side of the mountain, later she had planted a hemlock tree behind it that lifted its magnificent head above its forest-fellows, then being an artist she finished her color scheme by padding the glacial slab of chilly grey with moss of velvety green.

To this upholstery was added two coats neatly folded, tobacco and pipes having been previously removed. From the trunk of the hemlock too ancient and too rugged to be susceptible to softening influences, the shoulders of said royalty were protected by a white sweater that had crossed seas, its present use being remote from the original scheme of the manufacturer.

"Dear me, Tommy Atkins, are you going to be all day getting that tea ready?" The voice of the Queen of Sheba sounded injured and there was mild disapproval in the sky-blue eyes.

The Tommy Atkins thus questioned and disapproved of by

the sky-blue eyes, knelt over a fire which he was coaxing into life with all the breath in his plump British body and liberally bedewing with his smoke-started tears. At the question he stopped blowing and raised his red, moist countenance out of the smoke.

"I am sorry to be so slow Queen of Sheba," he apologized, humbly. "But everything is so wet up here that I do seem rather long in getting a fire. It is a shame to keep you waiting, but I really can't help it, you know."

"Oh, I never expect anything in a hurry when I have to depend upon men." She answered grandly. "I am used to waiting and I am chastened in spirit. The last tea was smoked. I drank it to keep from hurting your feelings, but I can't do it again even for the sake of such valuable things, born though I was with the martyr spirit."

"Poor Queen of Sheba," said the small plump man remorsefully, coming over and planting himself in the fern at her feet. "It was a nasty shame about that tea, but the wood is always so beastly wet and Elkins was such an ass he spilt all of my tobacco and—"

"Are you quite sure that it was not I who spilt you tobacco?" she asked sweetly.

"What an idea! Of course you did not, I told Elkins to let me fix that coat to sit on and—"

"Oh, I thought that I was at the bottom of it, a man isn't half a man who can't find a woman to lay his sins upon," she answered meekly.

"But Queen of Sheba," cried the humble little man aghast, "I didn't say—"

"Come now it isn't polite to contradict. There your kettle is upsetting! That is just the way with men they can't be depended upon to stick to a thing five minutes, a woman never has time to do anything, because it takes all of her time to look after them."

With an exclamation of dismay the fat little man dashed off to his kettle snagging his best leather stockings as he ran.

The Queen of Sheba leaned back, laughed softly and smiled wickedly. Suddenly her sky-blue eyes grew guileless again as the aforementioned Elkins came plunging through the laurels with a saucepan in one hand, a tea-pot in the other.

"What have you there?" she demanded with wild curiosity. *

"Water!" he announced triumphantly.

"What for?" she asked innocently.

"For you to drink. You said the water up here was bad."

"And so you have wasted half a day getting this?"

"Not wasted, since I did it for you"—he leaned over and looked downward tenderly into her disapproving eyes.

For answer she lifted the lid of the tea-pot and looked in. "Only one mellow bug," she said meditatively. "I could fish him out."

"Beastly insect—how did he escape me!" said Elkins, flushed and crest-fallen.

"So there were others—were they all beastly?" she queried mildly.

"I am awfully sorry, I went half way down the mountain and that was the best I could find. Nothing but pot-holes

in the rocks, but they were shaded and so I thought it would be better."

"It is delicious," she said lifting the pot to her lips. "Ah." She removed it with an exclamation of *disgusted* surprise.

"Another bug?" he asked in dismay.

"No nothing of the sort. But you must excuse my apparent ill manners, but it was such a surprise. You must have found Parnassus rills of nectar for it is sweet."

"Impossible!"

"Taste and be convinced."

Elkins raised the pot, took a draught, then set it down violently, "I swear!" he cried in disgust.

"What?" she asked mildly. "It is sweet after all?"

"As syrup. There are certainly strange things in these mountains."

(To Be Continued.)

WOMEN as well as men who are interested in the Higher Education in South Carolina look forward with much pleasure to the approaching celebration of the Centennial of the South Carolina College, which will occur in January. Representatives from all the Universities of the Southern States and from Union College, Brown and Princeton, have signified their intention to be present to honor the celebration. All Colleges, Academies, and graded schools in South Carolina have been invited to send representatives as guests of the South Carolina College and the City of Columbia. In accordance with the custom practiced by other institutions of learning, the College will celebrate its centennial by bestowing honorary degrees upon such men as in its opinion have achieved a success that deserves recognition.

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Charleston, S. C., October 20, 1904.

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The December Delineator with its message of good cheer and helpfulness, will be welcomed in every home. A selection of love songs from the Wagner operas, rendered into English by Richard de Gallienne and beautifully illustrated in colors by J. C. Leyendecker, occupies a prominent place, and a chapter in the Composers' Series, relating the romance of Wagner and Cosima, is an interesting supplement to the lyrics. A very clever paper entitled "The Court Circles of the Republic," describes some unique phases of Washington social life is from an unnamed contributor, who is said to write from the inner circles of society. There are short stories from the pens of F. Hopkinson Smith, Robert Grant, Alice Brown, Mary Stewart Cutting and Elmore Elliott Peake, and such interesting writers as Julia Magruder, L. Frank Baum, and Grace MacGowan Cooke hold the attention of the children. Many Christmas suggestions are given in needlework and the cookery pages are redolent of the Christmas feast.

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THE South Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy is in annual session in Orangeburg, South Carolina, November 29th, December 1st as the *Keystone* goes to press. The meeting promises to be a most interesting one. The President of the General U. D. C., Mrs. A. T. Smythe, of Charleston, S. C., is in attendance and the Chapter representation is large.

The literary session which is the second in the history of the Division is especially excellent this year. A full account of the Convention will appear in the January *Keystone*.

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(Up-to-date Notes.)

THE GEORGIA DIVISION U. D. C. held its Annual Convention at Elberton, Ga., October 26-29th. This was a most satisfactory meeting as over sixty delegates were in attendance.

The reports of officers and committees were encouraging. The Treasurer reported a balance of nearly \$400 on hand. The Division is growing in members and all over the State Veterans are being cared for and monuments are being built. Educational work was particularly stressed at this meeting, free scholarships being reported as held in many schools and one Chapter (the Savannah Chapter) had had nine given it during 1904. The last payment on the furniture in the Minnie Davis Hall will be met January 1st, thus finishing this dormitory for which the Division has raised twenty-five Thousand Dollars since 1898. A handsome Georgia flag, costing no less than \$50 was ordered for the Georgia room in the Richmond Museum. Mrs. R. E. Park, the Regent was instructed to order the flag and present it.

A medal was ordered presented to Mrs. L. H. Raines, of Savannah, in recognition of her "pioneer work," and the great work she did in helping organize the U. D. C. A contribution of \$75 from the Division is to be sent to the North Carolina Division for the George Davis monument at Wilmington, N. C.

Mr. Davis was the last Attorney General of the Confederacy. The Georgia Division points with pride to the fact that she stands first in contributions to the Davis Monument Fund. The matter of true histories in the schools was taken up at the Convention and Miss Mitchell's (of Athens, Georgia) "Georgia—Land and People," was endorsed by the Division and the Chapters subscribed nearly \$100 to purchase copies of this book and have them placed in school libraries and in the travelling libraries sent out by the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs. A gold medal supplemented by a \$10 gold piece, given by Miss Rutherford is offered by the Division for the best essay on "The War Between the States," written by a boy or girl between the ages of fourteen and eighteen. The Convention adjourned to meet in Macon, Georgia, in October, 1905.

S. S. C. H.

THE VIRGINIA DIVISION U. D. C. held its Annual meeting in Petersburg, Virginia, October 26-28. The meeting was not well attended. The Convention in St. Louis, coming so immediately before, prevented many from being present. The report of the President, showed a large increase in membership and the organization of nine new Chapters during the year, 88 Chapters in the Division. Forty-four members of the Pickett Buchanan Chapter of Norfolk, having resigned from that chapter and requesting a charter, it was granted them under the name of the Hope Maury Chapter. The memorial service was read after the address of welcome, this service was in charge of Mrs. Charles G. Elliott, of Pickett Buchanan Chapter, Norfolk, opened with two short prayers from the Episcopal Prayer book, then the roll call of the members, who had died during the year; at the close of the roll, Mrs. Elliott said any friends would be allowed to speak in memory of any they desired, which was responded to informally from the floor, and the service closed with "How firm a foundation ye Saints of the Lord." The service was touching and beautiful, lasting about half an hour. A letter was read from an ex-President of Florida, requesting the Virginia Division to endorse a petition to the Executive Committee of U. D. C., for change of meetings from San Francisco, to Louisville, nearly all were in favor of change, but being reminded that having declined the invitation to Louisville, the matter was not open for any voting, except to lay on the table, which was done. The officers were all reelected for the year, that gave entire satisfaction. Miss Jennings, at first declined nomination, but yielded to the repeated remonstrance from the entire convention. Mrs. Charles G. Elliott, of Norfolk, was chosen first vice-president to fill the place of the lamented Mrs. Otto Evans, who died soon after convention of last year. An invitation was extended by the Richmond Chapter for the Convention of the next year. There were many and varied entertainments, Petersburg being noted for its hospitality. But so much entertaining is to be regretted, as there should be business first.

J. W. R. Virginia.

IN connection with the work of Virginia Women for Confederate interest, one feature especially to be mentioned is the work of Lee Camp Auxiliary, in behalf of the needy Confederate women of Richmond. Through a report

printed in the *Times-Dispatch* by the officers of the Auxiliary, Mrs. J. W. White, President, Mrs. B. A. Blenner, Secretary, Mrs. N. V. Randolph, Treasurer, we learn that for twenty years Lee Camp, through its Ladies Auxiliary, has labored for the care of the families of indigent Confederates. Since 1884 this Camp, through its Auxiliary, has distributed annually one thousand dollars for this purpose, this sum being augmented by a contribution of ten cents a month from active and twenty-five cents a month from registered members of the Auxiliary. In the winter of 1893, through an appeal to the State for aid, because of the trying labor conditions of that year, the ladies were able to issue supplies tri-weekly for three months to at least one hundred families. This Auxiliary has also furnished two beds in the Old Diminution Hospital, where needy Confederate women can be cared for. Ten years ago Lee Camp made a call for the purpose of considering the proposition of electing a Home for Confederate women. In reply the Auxiliary pointed out the fact that every woman in the already established homes in Richmond was a needy Confederate, and that the work of the Auxiliary was in the homes of such, so the idea was abandoned as unnecessary.

Lee Camp, however, purchased a lovely spot in Riverview Cemetery as a burial place for such needy Confederate women as were without a section of their own. With their own hands the members of the Auxiliary have closed the eyes in death, shrouded the forms of needy Confederate women, and seen to their being laid decently to rest in Riverview.

The Auxiliary makes only one annual public appeal, when at Christmas it calls for a free will offering.

There have been many private contributors to the Auxiliary's Charity fund, none more so than the late Virginius Newton. Mr. Riley has been liberal in giving funeral expenses for the bare cost with extra carriages sent as a mark of respect to needy Confederate women. Through the City Ice Mission President, Mrs. G. W. Bagby, ice has been supplied in Summer and groceries, clothing and fuel are supplied at all times. The work goes on in a quiet, sympathetic way, not as an obligation, but as the fulfillment of a sacred duty. This splendid record of Lee Camp and Lee Camp Auxiliary reaches back into a past of twenty years duration and promises to stretch out into the future "until the last Confederate woman shall, in the providence of God, have passed to that better home "not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

THE NORTH CAROLINA Division U. D. C. held its Annual meeting in Fayetteville, instead of Goldsboro, on account of several cases of diphtheria developing there. The Fayetteville Chapter was equal to the occasion and entertained the Division most delightfully from October 26-28th. Mrs. Kepler of Asheville, First Vice-President presided with dignity and credit to herself and her organization. The address of welcome was made by Mr. J. H. Myrover, a veteran and was much appreciated. The attendance at this Convention was large and the reports of Chapters showed much activity in the Division.

The appointment of a *fourth* day on which crosses may be presented to Veterans was considered by the Convention and after some discussion a unanimous vote was given for the 23rd of August, in compliment to the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry, whose anniversary it is.

This was the second military company organized in the United States. They have always worn "the gray," and were the only company who volunteered their services as escort to the remains of the Confederate dead, which were removed from Arlington to Raleigh some years ago.

Another matter of interest before the Convention was the suggestion by Mrs. Moffitt to erect an arched gateway to the Confederate Cemetery in Raleigh. The design proposed is a beautiful arch composed of blocks of stone, each Chapter to furnish a block with the name inscribed upon it. Thus the arch will be a memorial to the dead and to the women of North Carolina who contributed to its erection.

It is also suggested that upon the keystone of the arch be inscribed the name of W. C. Stronach, a Veteran whose life work after the war was the care of Confederate soldiers and their families, and to whose efforts our Soldier's Home is largely indebted. The vote of the Convention was given in favor of this undertaking. The election of officers resulted as follows:

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are all simple and easily carried out. The index is clear and useful, and the book of a convenient size to handle.

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"The Castaway," by Hallie Ermine Rives, is unquestionably one of the books of to-day. The novel gets its title from a saying of Lord Byron—"Three great men ruined in one year—a king, a cad, a castaway." The king was Napoleon; the cad, Beau Brummell, and the castaway, Lord Byron himself. It is rather remarkable that Miss Rives should be the first to choose this romantic poet as the hero of a popular novel. With so much material, there is no wonder that the author has succeeded so well. Every page is full of emotion and passion. While those of us who are not admirers of Byron cannot uphold him as a man and a hero, the author shows us his human side and does appeal to our sympathy. She brings out the fact that he had noble aspirations, but that in some instances they were crushed by the injustice of the very ones who should have stimulated him to higher ideals. Miss Rives has handled a difficult subject in a delicate and tactful way and has given us an altogether readable novel. The colored illustrations, by Howard Chandler Christie add considerably to our interest.

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"That Sandhiller," by Malvina S. Waring is a book that will at once appeal to all South Carolinians from the fact that the author, Mrs. Clarke Waring, of Columbia, S. C., is so well known and admired throughout her native State, especially in connection with her interests in the Daughters of the Confederacy and in the D. A. R. Mrs. Waring has written a number of poems and has previously contributed to various publications so that her name is not new in the literary world. In the present volume the author chooses a very complex sociological problem, not only that a Southern aristocrat should fall in love with a "Sandhiller," or "clay eater," who had been educated and reared by refined people, but he is subjected to the test of being told that this woman of his choice is not only a "poor white" but that her mother was a slave, on his own plantation. We are not surprised at his action, with his inheritance he could not have done other-

wise. We are a little disappointed that Mrs. Waring did not put the "northern lover" to the same test. "Quaint," the heroine, has a terrible struggle with this problem, but our feelings are relieved in finding out that the story of the "slave" mother is merely the fabrication of a negro woman in order to gain her freedom,—so that the heroine is free from the stain of mixed blood. It is an interesting plot with many psychological questions involved. Southern plantation life is well depicted and the negroes and "poor whites" are quite true to life.

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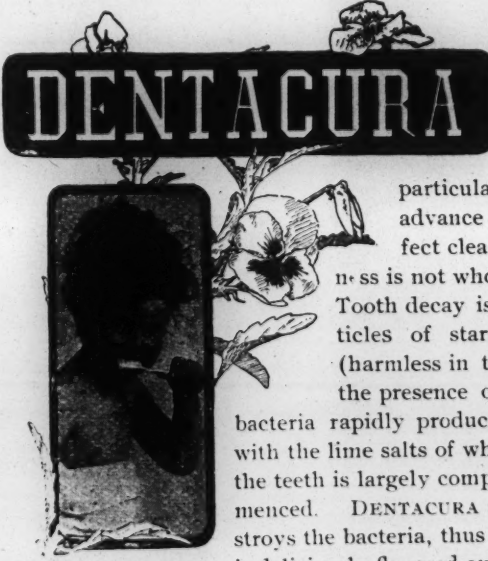
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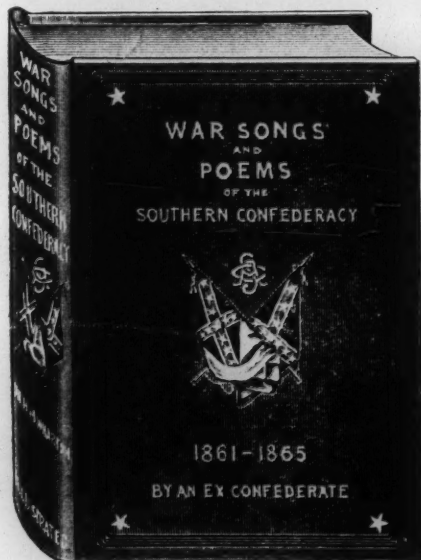
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